of NRI investment and contacts with non-resident Indian community in the UAE.

Governmets stand on Myanmar's issue

1672. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort has been made by the Government of India to pressurise Myanmar's military Government to restore democracy there and to release the noble prize winner Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi unconditionally;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government have been making appropriate efforts in this regard, both on its own and in concert with other like-minded countries at the UN.

(b) and (c) Our strong sympathy and support for the democratic aspirations of the people of Myanmar have been publicly expressed on several occasions. Our recent statement, issued on 11-11-91 and duly communicated to the Myanmar Government strongly urged the latter to immediately and unconditionally release this year's Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi. We also co-sponsored a resolution on the subject in the UN, which was adopted without a vote on 29th November, 91 at the Third Committee of the UN, dealing with Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Questions. The resolution, while welcoming the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi, expresses concern about the violation of human rights in Myanmar, and urges that Government to take firm steps for the establishment of a democratic state.

Chinese arms to India's neighbours

1673. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 13th November, 1991 captioned China's arms exports to neighbours has been raised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conveyed its serious concern at international fora; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are aware of continuing defence cooperation between China and Pakistan, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, and of sales of defence equipment by China to these countries.

(c) and (d) Government have taken up the matter bilaterally with the Chinese Government. In international fora, Government have expressed concern about the spiralling arms race in conventional weapons, and have called for reduction of conventional arms and forces to levels dictated by minimum needs of defence.

India's role in the affairs of Myanmar

1674. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propos[illegible] to recall our Ambassador from Rangoon in view of the denial of democratic and human rights in Myanmar and the illegal arrest of Myanmar's